

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following listing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled)

3. (Original) ~~The~~ A method of searching intellectual property listings, comprising: Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

maintaining a user-interface site accessible by a plurality of users;

establishing a connection to a plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings available for transacting;

receiving from at least one of said plurality of users search criteria for searching said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings;

searching said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings according to said search criteria;

presenting a resulting set of intellectual property listings to said at least one of said plurality of users;

receiving from said at least one of said plurality of users an identification of those of said resulting set of intellectual property listings that are of interest to said at least one of said plurality of users;

securing permission from each of said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings for allowing a search of each said plurality of third-party sources; and

securing from each of said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings a fee-sharing agreement.

Claims 4-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) ~~The A~~ method of ~~Claim 8~~, further comprising the step of: searching intellectual property listings, comprising:

maintaining a user-interface site accessible by a plurality of users;

establishing a connection to a plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings available for transacting;

receiving from at least one of said plurality of users search criteria for searching said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings;

searching said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings according to said search criteria;

presenting a resulting set of intellectual property listings to said at least one of said plurality of users;

receiving from said at least one of said plurality of users an identification of those of said resulting set of intellectual property listings that are of interest to said at least one of said plurality of users;

designating a buffer memory for temporary storage of intellectual property listings matching said search criteria;

reformatting said search criteria according to requirements of each of said plurality of third-party sources of intellectual property listings;

searching through the intellectual property listings of said each of said plurality of third-party sources for matches with said respective reformatted search criteria;

collecting such intellectual property listings that match said reformatted criteria and storing said listings in said buffer memory; and

reordering said intellectual property listings stored in said buffer memory according to predefined criteria prior to presentation thereof to said at least one of said plurality of users.

Claims 11-88 (Cancelled)